

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JILL BABCOCK, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 22-cv-12951

v.

HON. MARK A. GOLDSMITH

STATE OF MICHIGAN, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER FOLLOWING STATUS CONFERENCE**

As discussed during the April 17, 2023 status conference, counsel for the parties must determine immediately whether the facilitator they have proposed is available to take on this matter. If so, counsel for the parties must promptly arrange to meet with the facilitator to discuss an approach for accomplishing facilitation in a prompt fashion. If the facilitator is not available, counsel must inform the Court of that fact and propose an alternate facilitator by April 21, 2023. If no alternate facilitator is proposed, the Court will appoint a facilitator of its own choosing.

Counsel must also confer and consider how facilitation will impact, if at all, the proposed schedule set out in their discovery plan (Dkt. 32). The Court's current intention is to adopt the schedule proposed in the discovery plan unless persuaded otherwise. The Court's current expectation is that within 90 days a settlement in principle can be reached, if not in all details then at least as to principles, modalities, or formulas that will be made applicable to all structures.

The Court will hold a status conference by Zoom on May 4, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The parties must file a joint statement summarizing the initial results of their conference with the facilitator and the expected impact, if any, of facilitation on their proposed schedule by 10:00 a.m. on May 3, 2023.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 19, 2023  
Detroit, Michigan

s/Mark A. Goldsmith  
MARK A. GOLDSMITH  
United States District Judge